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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 1905.

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## Hon. A. W. Harris Arrested in Petersburg. Was Quickly Bailed.

CHARGED WITH BEING AN ACCESSORY IN THE THEFT OF COTTON.  
POSITIVE DENIAL OF THE CHARGE.

HAS ENGAGED ABL E COUNSEL.

PETERSBURG, VA., Nov. 27.—Hon. A. W. Harris, a well known colored lawyer, Republican politician, and farmer in Dinwiddie county, was at present employed in the internal revenue office in Richmond, in a room over the three-story building at the corner of Main and Harrison streets, where he was charged with the theft of \$42.18, the price received for part of the alleged stolen property from J. C. Robinson.

### ARRESTED SATURDAY.

Mr. Harris was arrested Saturday afternoon on the two warrants, charging the theft of the forty-two dollar bale and the taking of the money for it. He was bailed in the sum of \$500 for his appearance in the mayor's court Wednesday morning. Mr. Harris, a colored porter employed by Mr. J. C. Robinson, a cotton broker whose office adjoins that of Messrs. Arrington and Green.

### IMPLICATED BY TRAINOR.

Trainor was sent on to the grand jury by the mayor last Friday morning on the charge of stealing the fifty-two dollar bale from Arrington and Green. He at first stoutly denied his guilt, but yesterday made a confession to Chief of Police Ragland, implicating Mr. Harris, for whom a third warrant was then issued.

Trainor is accused of taking, on Nov. 20th, a bale of cotton shipped to Arrington and Green by J. H. Richardson, and marked "J. H. R.", from the sidewalk in front of their store and hiding it in the cellar of the Robinson store, where it was found with the "J. H. R." mark cut out, and "A. W. H." substituted, the money for the cotton, \$42.18, having in the meantime been collected at Mr. Robinson's office by William Bailey, colored, who is employed in "W. Harris' office, in this city.

### DENIES ALL CHARGES.

Dailey denies all knowledge of any crookedness in the matter, but is said to have made statements that involved Harris.

Trainor was arrested after the disappearance of a second bale from the front of Arrington and Green's store on Nov. 23d, which was also found in Mr. Robinson's cellar with the initials "A. W. H." substituted for the owner's mark. An attempt to collect for this bale at Mr. Robinson's office failed. Trainor's confession accuses Harris of instigating the trick and receiving all the proceeds.

### DR. ALEXANDER ON BOND.

After the second arrest this morning, Mr. Harris was bailed in the sum of \$500 for his appearance in the Mayor's Court Wednesday morning. Dr. C. R. Alexander, a well-known colored physician, was his bondsman.

Great interest has been aroused by the arrest of Mr. Harris, who is a leader among the colored people, and has heretofore had a good reputation. He denies the charge, and has engaged Messrs. Hamilton and Mann as counsel.

### Seriously Afflicted.

Mrs. Sarah Smith, wife of Rev. A. B. Smith of 907 N. Third St. is in a most pitiable condition. She seems to be demented and she has been removed to the Richmond Hospital for treatment. She was just preparing for her wedding anniversary, when she was stricken. Her friends are hoping that her malady is only temporary and that she may be restored completely to health again.

### Wouldn't Write "Mrs." Before Negro's Name.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 21.—A local paper printed a story to the effect that in a store of the city a white lady clerk was discharged for refusing to write the prefix "Mrs." before the name of a colored woman who had bought some goods and ordered them sent out to her home. Dozens of people have been trying to discover the name of the merchant who did such a thing. There is a wave of indignation that has spread all over the city, and it promises to go quite hard with the proprietor who made the break.

The story went on to relate that the negro woman went into the store and made a purchase. She asked that it be sent out. When it came back from the wrapper the clerk asked the name and address. It was given with instructions to write it "Mrs." This the girl refused to do, saying that she was not in the habit of calling colored women "Mrs." The customer, the story goes, made complaint to the proprietor, who, it is charged, called the lady clerk to him and discharged her in the presence of the insistent customer, for the failure to write the title.

Newspaper men on the capital run found everybody talking about it. They were holding little impromptu meetings here and there and saying things right out loud. One insisted that the paper be requested to publish the name of the merchant, and it was unanimously determined that the man who had thus offended was to be punished by a general withdrawal of trade and respect, and the girl was to be provided with not only a new and better position, but a purse as well.

### Contents: Christmas McClures.

Joseph W. Folk, Frontispiece, photographic portrait. Folk, William Allen White, illustrated with portraits and photographs. The Cloud and the Mountain, a poem, Florence Wilkinson. The Cousinship of the Boss, Anne O'Hagan, illustrated by Arthur L. Keller. Love of Life, Jack London, illustrated by E. L. Blumenschen, reproductions in color. Reminiscences of a Long Life, Carl Schurz; Part II—School days, illustrated with portraits and photographs. The Deepwater Debate, May McHenry, illustrated by Frederick Dorr Steele. Railroad Rebates, Ray Stannard Baker, illustrated with portraits. Never Give All the Heart, a poem, W. B. Yeats. Thunder and Calamity, Adeline Knapp, illustrated by F. Richardson. A Parable for Husbands, Jean Webster, illustrated by Charlotte Harding, reproductions in color. A Lullaby, a poem, Mable Mahin. The Ashes of Old Wishes, Hermine Templeton, illustrated by Edmund J. Sullivan. Editorial: Charles Evans Hughes, with portrait. The Final Test of Christianity, Rev. Chas. D. Williams, with portrait of the author.

### Died Suddenly.

Mrs. Mary Anderson, sister of Mrs. Mildred Johnson, died suddenly at 1000 1/2 St. Peter St. early Sunday morning, Nov. 19th before day after a brief illness. She had been at work at her service place all day Saturday and had secured a prescription from the physician. She had taken two doses and later was attacked by one of her usual spells and died in a short time. The affair was accordingly most distressing. Her funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

—Mr. J. W. Johnson, the Navy Hill financier, passed through Raleigh, N. C. He spent a day and night and was highly pleased with the progress of the colored business men of that city.

### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

#### A New Lodge in Portsmouth.

Portsmouth, Va., Nov. 23, 1905. Grand Chancellor John Mitchell, Jr. arrived here last evening accompanied by Col. E. R. Jefferson, Capt. John G. Smith, Past Chancellor J. S. Forrester and Past Chancellor S. S. Baker. They came for the purpose of instituting a new lodge of Knights of Pythias here. They were met by Major Archer Drew, who had a carriage in waiting and the party was conveyed to his fine residence, where the Madame did all in her power to make the stay pleasant. A most appetizing supper was served and joy reigned supreme.

It was after 9 o'clock before the hall was reached and it was 9:45 when the initiation was begun. The work was done in 2 hours and 5 minutes. District Deputy Grand Chancellor Wm. A. Myers was present and Sir William M. Reid stayed awhile. Those who assisted were Sirs Joshua Blackwell, Johnny Robinson, Levi C. Brown, Charles L. Wynn, Edwin M. Booth, W. Terry, Lewis Hardgrove, Thomas Tucker, Lee Coalpot, Oscar Weston, G. Douglas, Edward Stratton, H. S. Cooper, John Dunn, D. C. Coles, T. H. Coles and Lee Hunt.

The new body will be known as Puritan Lodge, No. 191.

The officers are: Chancellor Commander, Mc G. Coles; Master of Work, George Johnson; Vice Chancellor, Wm. H. Darby; Prelate, Annanias Johnson; Keeper of Records and Seal, Frank G. Elliott; Master of Finance, Frank W. Walker; Master at Arms, Wiley Knight; Inner Guard, Daniel Dunham; Outer Guard, Jesse Thomas; Master of Exchequer, Miles Griffin; Trustees: Llewellyn Winn, Edward Garner, Lucius Johnson.

After the initiation a most excellent repast was served. Capt. Winslow was present. The clamorous was especially fine and everybody enjoyed themselves.

This Lodge was organized through the efforts of Special Deputy Grand Chancellor Frank Proctor and the Grand Chancellor was outspoken in commendation of him. He had surprised him with the success of his efforts and he had made good the promise given at Roanoke.

The visitors including Dr. Wm. E. Atkins, Grand Medical Director then repaired to the residence of Major Archer Drew, where they decided to spend the night. He had prepared for three, but he had seven on his hands. Parlor chairs were called into requisition and the party bunked there all night.

It is needless to state that Major Archer Drew had a full supply of eatables and dessert for each man had on his countenance "the smile that wont come off." They were royally entertained. It was 5:53 Thursday morning when Dr. E. R. Jefferson, Dr. Wm. E. Atkins, Sir James S. Forrester, who assisted the Madame in preparing breakfast, Capt. John G. Smith, Sir S. S. Baker and the Grand Chancellor started for Norfolk to take the 6:45 C. and O. steamer.

When Sir Baker awoke, he found himself trying to put on his feet two right foot shoes and it is claimed that Capt. Smith had hidden the left foot one. Sir Baker claims however that he had to dress Capt. Smith and there on are.

### Alone with Conscience.

I sat alone with my conscience,  
In a place where time had ceased;  
And we talked of my former living  
In the land where the years increased;  
And I felt I should have to answer  
The question put to me,  
And to face the answer and question  
Throughout an eternity.

The ghosts of forgotten actions  
Came floating before my sight,  
And things that I thought were dead  
Things  
Were alive with a terrible might;  
And the vision of all my past life  
Was an awful thing to face,  
Alone with my conscience sitting  
In that solemnly silent place.

And I thought of a far-away warning,  
Of a sorrow that was to be mine,  
In a land that then was the future,  
But now was the present time,  
And I thought of my former thinking.

Of a judgement day to be;  
But sitting alone with my conscience,  
Seemed judgment enough for me.

And I wondered if there was a future,  
To this land beyond the grave;  
But no one gave me an answer,  
And no one came to save.  
Then I felt that the future was present,  
And the present would never go by;  
For it was but the thought of my  
Past life  
Grows into eternity.

Then I woke from my timely dreaming,  
And the vision passed away,  
And I knew the far-away warning  
Was a warning of yesterday;  
And I pray that I may not forget it  
In this land before the grave,  
That I may not cry in the future,  
And no one come to save.

And so I have learned a lesson  
Which I ought to have learned  
before,  
And which, though I learned in  
dreaming,  
I hope to forget no more.  
So I sit alone with my conscience  
In the place where the years increase,  
And I try to remember the future,  
In the land where time will cease;  
And I know of the future judgment;  
How dreadful soever it be,  
That to sit alone with my conscience  
Will be judgment enough for me.

### REV. DR. BOWLING HERE.

#### Great Work in Norfolk.

Rev. R. H. Bowling, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Norfolk, Va. was in the city last week. He reports his work as being in a most prosperous condition. His people are just completing the finest church-building owned by any colored congregation in the United States. It has granite front and towers and with the rear of brick.

The granite is pink with Indiana gray stone trimmings. All of the inside wood-work is of quartered oak. The cost when completed will approximate \$60,000. The seating capacity will be nearly 1,400. It is a frontage of 70 ft. 6 inches.

Rev. Dr. Bowling has raised \$13,000 during the last thirteen months. This is a most remarkable showing.

### Resolutions.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our worthy Brother W. B. Brooks, we do most humbly submit to his will. Our loss is his eternal gain.

Resolved, first, that we have lost a good and faithful member and we shall ever remember his faithfulness and loyalty to the Brotherhood.

Resolved, second, that we sympathize with his bereaved family and pray that God will ever guide them and throw around them every necessity of life.

Resolved, third, that a copy of these resolutions be placed on our books and a copy forwarded to his family.

Done by order of Newport News Lodge, No. 74 K. of P. at Newport News, Va. this 14th day of Nov., 1905.

SAMPSON HOFFLOR, C. C.  
A. B. GAINES, K. of R. and S.

### A BIG FIRE.

#### Heavy Loss at the Negro Reformatory

The Negro Reformatory in Hanover county suffered a severe loss by fire Wednesday, Nov. 22d. The value of the buildings farm implements, livestock and farm products that went up in smoke is estimated at \$10,000. The insurance was something over \$3,500 and the net loss was accordingly over \$6,000. One of the boys in jumping down drove a nail through his foot. He has suffered much as a result of it.

## Judge Emory Speer is Supreme in Georgia. HENRY JAMISON CASE.

CITES OFFICIALS TO APPEAR FOR CONTEMPT—TECHNICAL QUESTION  
AT ISSUE—THE OUTCOME DOUBTFUL.

WILL HE JAIL THE MACON CITY OFFICERS?

MACON, GA., Nov. 25.—The expected sensation in the Jamison case came tonight when Judge Speer signed an order requiring Chief of Police Connor, City Attorney Minter Wimberly and Superintendent E. A. Wimbley of the Bibb county chain-gang, to appear before him in the United States court on Jan. 2, 1906, and show cause why they should not be attached and punished for contempt of court.

Attorney Alexander Akerman applied to Judge Speer tonight for an attachment for contempt, and after reading the petition the order was signed and served on the three officials.

In addition to the contempt proceedings, Attorney Akerman secured a writ of habeas corpus from Judge Felton, of the superior court, returnable on Tuesday morning, at which time Superintendent Wimbley will show cause why Jamison should not be released from the gang. This is in accordance with the procedure through the state courts as provided by the decision of the United States Supreme court.

### CAUSE OF THE ACTION.

Without waiting for Judge Speer to quash the writ of habeas corpus which released Henry Jamison from the Bibb county chain-gang, Chief Connor this morning re-arrested the cause of the famous fight on Macon's recorder's court, and early this morning he was sent again to the chain-gang and clothed in the stripes which Judge Speer declared infamous punishment.

The mandate of the United States supreme court directing Judge Speer to quash the writ and dismiss Jamison's petition was received in Macon last Tuesday and yesterday City Attorney Minter Wimberly went before Judge Speer and asked that an order be passed. At the time Judge Speer was hearing bankruptcy proceedings, and he declined to take up the matter at that time.

Last night, shortly after midnight Chief Connor went to Jamison's house, in Pleasant Hill, and placed him under arrest. The negro resisted, it is said, and applied very uncomplimentary epithets to the head of Macon's finest, but he was lodged behind the bars of a head-quarters cell, where he spent the night.

Early this morning, the chain-gang authorities were notified to receive Jamison, that he might complete the sentence imposed upon him over a year ago by Judge Nottingham, and he was delivered to the gang at 6:30 o'clock.

Attorney Alexander Akerman who with Secretary of State Elihu Root, was counsel in the Jamison case at the United States supreme court, at once began steps for the release of his client from the chain-gang. When he heard of Chief Connor's action, he was highly incensed and declared that Jamison would not remain on the gang. It was currently rumored that Chief Connor would be jailed for contempt of Judge Speer's court, but throughout he acted under the advice of City Attorney Wimberly.

### ATTORNEYS' OPINION.

Just whether or not Chief Connor's action was in contempt is a question on which attorneys differ. Some say that Jamison was a free man until the habeas corpus which discharged him was quashed and his petition dismissed by Judge Speer, and that to arrest him before that time was in contempt. Others, however, claim that when City Attorney Wimberly filed the mandate of the United States supreme court in Judge Speer's court, the case was settled and it was up to the city authorities to carry out the sentence imposed upon Jamison over a year ago by Judge Nottingham.

It is known that Attorney Akerman intended fighting for Jamison's release by the state court route and that he would ask Judge Felton, of the superior court, for a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Speer passed an order as directed by the

United States supreme court. The action of Chief Connor was a surprise to Jamison and his attorney, and few thought he would arrest the negro and take chances of being sent to jail by Judge Speer.

Attorney Akerman wants to get Jamison out of the gang through the federal courts, if possible, and then take up the fight in the state courts.

### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The First Court at Clifton Forge. Clifton Forge, Va., Nov. 25th, '05. Grand Worthy Counselor John Mitchell, Jr. arrived here yesterday afternoon at 2:40 to organize Saturday on Court, No. 99. He was met here by Mrs. Emma Brown, District Deputy Grand Worthy Counselor of Covington, Mrs. Bettie Newsome and Miss Bertha B. Harris of the same city, together with Mr. Banks, Dr. E. T. Connor, and Mrs. Anna Banks. The party was conveyed to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Banks and then later they repaired to Scott's Hotel where they were made comfortable. Supper was served in fine style there.

Mrs. E. F. Scott and her husband did all in their power to make the stay there pleasant. Miss Camilla Scott and Mrs. Camilla G. Sellers and Miss H. L. Rosemond Scott were the presiding geniuses. The initiation took place at Scott's Hall, Sir W. S. Thomas assisted.

The following are the officers of the new Court which will be known as Sharon Court, No. 99:

Worthy Counselor, Mrs. Lizzie Goodwin; Worthy Inspector, Mrs. Bettie Scott; Worthy Inspector, Mrs. Anna Banks; Senior Directress, Mrs. Nannie Patterson; Junior Directress, Mrs. Esther Anderson; Orator, Mrs. Susie Taylor; Receiver of Deposits, Mrs. Jane Desper; Register of Deeds, Mrs. Annie Thomas; Register of Accounts, Miss Beatrice Taylor; Herald, Mrs. Rosa Wheeler; Escort, Mrs. Patsy Lewis; Conductress, Mrs. Fannie Jones; Assistant Conductress, Miss Kate Johnson; Protector, Miss Adeline Randolph; Trustees: Dr. E. T. Connor, E. F. Scott, S. M. Turner.

This court was organized through the efforts of Mrs. Emma Brown of Covington and Dr. E. T. Connor of Clifton Forge.

The Grand Worthy Counselor was outspoken in his commendation of them. He met Mr. Robert G. Davis also. Sir Mitchell left at 12 o'clock last night for Richmond.

### She Has Crossed the River.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary A. Anderson were much shocked at her death which occurred Sunday morning at 4 A. M. Nov. 19th at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Mildred Johnson.

Her illness was brief and her death unexpected. Her funeral took place Tuesday evening from the Jasper Memorial Church of which she had been a member for nineteen years. The services were conducted by the pastor Dr. R. V. Peyton assisted by Rev. Chas. Phillips.

The beautiful solo, "Some day we will understand," was rendered by Mrs. Alice Kemp Burrell.

The profusion of flowers was a fit testimony of the sympathy of her many friends. Her casket was borne by Messrs. Darius Harris, Samuel Lettlich, Henry Baugh, Robert Kinney, Thomas Archer and A. W. Parham. Honorary: R. T. Hill, Rev. S. C. Burrell, Rev. S. P. Robinson, Clifton Cabell.

Far from this world of toil and strife,

She is present with the Lord,  
The labor of her work is done,  
End in a large reward.

### Her sister.

—Mrs. Carrie B. Brown, wife of Mr. Claude Brown was removed from her residence, No. 816 N. 3rd

St. to the Memorial Hospital last Tuesday afternoon. She was accompanied to the hospital by Miss Mary Ross, Mrs. Otella Harris and Miss Nellie Sears.

### JACKSON—KERSEY.

The marriage of Miss Clara L. Kersey to Dr. James E. Jackson will be celebrated Thursday, Dec. 14th, 8 P. M. at the home of the bride, 100 W. Leigh St. Reception 8:30 to 10:30. Friends invited. No cards.

### The True Reformer Suit.

The time given the True Reformers by Mrs. Mollie Browne-Smith expired last Thursday. Rev. W. L. Taylor has not returned to the city and it is presumed that further delay will be asked for. It was reported on the street that the officials had decided to settle up, but there was no way of verifying the rumor. Atorney Giles B. Jackson stated that he had a plan that he thought would adjust the matter. It was evident that this plan would suit the True Reformers, but very doubtful that it would suit Mrs. Smith, as it would be a case of what she considers a certainty for an uncertainty.

It will be at least a month before the matter will be definitely decided. The suit has not been as yet entered.

### PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

—The Metropolitan Steam Laundry is the only one that did not raise prices.

—The public school children had holiday last Thursday and Friday.

—The Pythian Cadets spent Thanksgiving in Petersburg, Va.

—For fresh fish, oysters and game remember Mr. H. F. Jonathan. He will serve you promptly.

—For that pain in the stomach, call on Mr. S. W. Robinson. You get what you pay for there and of the right kind.

—Miss Sadie Harper is sewing on the uniform of the boys at the Negro Reformatory in Hanover Co. Va.

—Mr. E. F. Johnson, president of the Richmond Beneficial Insurance Co. has joined the Knights of Pythias and is now a full fledged member of the Order.

—The First Battalion under command of Major Wm. A. Robinson was inspected last Tuesday night by Assistant Inspector General Benjamin Scott. The First Brigade Band was out and discoursed lively airs.

—The Knights of Pythias will soon have a fully equipped Band ready under the leadership of Lead or E. P. Lee. New instruments and latest style uniforms will be ordered for the men.

—Mr. John M. Higgins needs no words of commendation at our hands. His wet goods commend him. Read advertisement. They all know that they will be well treated at his place of business.

—The place to get furniture will be found in another column and Messrs. Charles G. Jurgens' Son will be the one to wait on you. All of the latest designs ready for delivery. Easy payments is a feature.

—Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., pastor of the Nineteenth St. Bapt. Church of Washington, D. C. called on us last week. He preached an able sermon at the Ebenezer Bapt. Church last Sunday morning and electrified the people at the Shar on Bapt. Church last Sunday night.